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REMARKS

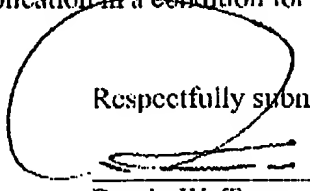
Thorough review and remarks made by the Administrative Patent Judge's Frankfort, McQuade, and Bahr is acknowledged and appreciated by the Applicants.

The Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 4 and dependent Claims 6, 8, and 16 to more clearly define the invention recited therein. The Amendments are made for clarification purposes and no new matter is added. As now defined, "a single spiral" is now formed by "a successive series of loops", instead of "spirals" in order to avoid confusion. The change in terminology is for clarification purpose only. The change of a "continuous variation" to "progressive and discontinuous variation" is supported by the original specification at Page 10.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims i.e. Claims 1, 4-8 and 16 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted



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